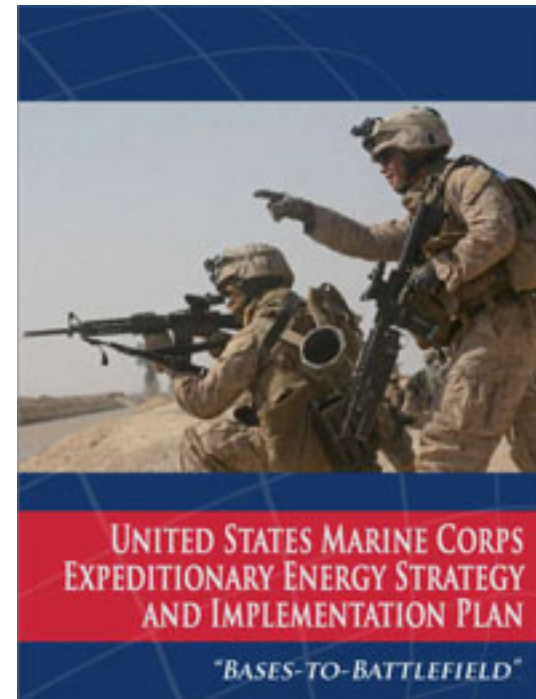




## WE NEED TO GET OFF FOSSIL-BASED FUEL

On Monday, the Marine Corps announced a renewable energy strategy and implementation plan in order to save lives and money. Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James Amos said he needs all Marines to embrace this strategy and get in step, because it's important. "You don't have to think too hard, much past the last thirty days, to see what's happening around the world," Amos said. "With all the issues, a lot of it in the oil-producing part of the world, we need to begin to wean ourselves off of fossil-based fuel. Not only that, we need to be able to lighten our load. This is about us. This is about what's best for the Marine Corps." Integrating energy renewing technology with Marines has put the Marine Corps at the forefront of the Department of Defense with moving strategy out to the ground combat element. Today, the Marines of Company I are deployed to the Sangin valley in Afghanistan, and they're powering their patrol bases with nothing but renewable energy. "This isn't just about equipment, this is about changing that mindset, and reducing dependence on liquid fuel, logistics and batteries," Col. Bob Charette, director



of the Expeditionary Energy Office (or E2O) said. Charette referred to these Marines as pioneers for using this kind of equipment in combat. By the summer of 2011, E2O will be able to deploy a battalion-level unit with renewable energy capabilities and energy efficient technology. "The only fuels we'll see on the battlefield in the future are the fuels we'll need to move our airplanes and our vehicles," he said. "We're going to learn from that and start building on it to get to where we ultimately want to go in 2025 go with that Marine Expeditionary Force and deploy anywhere in the world with only mobility fuels."

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## MARINES RESCUE DOWNED PILOT IN LIBYA



Marines from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit rescued a U.S. Air Force pilot downed in Libya, March 22. The F-15E Strike Eagle crashed in northeast Libya on March 21 while flying in support of Operation Odyssey Dawn, the joint coalition enforcing U.N. Security Council Resolution 1973 to protect the Libyan people from the country's ruler. Using two AV-8B Harriers, two MV-22 Ospreys and two CH-53E Super Stallions carrying a quick reaction force, the Camp Lejeune, N.C., based

Marines conducted a Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel mission to recover the pilot. The Marine aircraft began launching off the USS Kearsarge, which was roughly 130 nautical miles from the pilot - within 30 minutes of the crash - according to a senior Marine officer in the Pentagon. Marine officials attributed the quick reaction time to the versatility of the Osprey. "Total time from launch to return: 90 minutes roundtrip. That's what an Osprey gets you, that speed," the official said. According to official reports, the Harrier close-air support element dropped two laser-guided 500-pound bombs in the area in support of the downed pilot. One MV-22 Osprey landed and extracted the pilot.

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## UPDATE: JAPAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF



With current relief efforts underway for Operation Tomdachi, 1st MAW is sending communication assets to mainland Japan. "The gear is being sent to Atsugi to support the Air Combat Element Command Operational Center and Sendai to support the Forward Air Refuel Point," said 1st Lt. Mike Parrott, a detachment executive officer with Marine Wing Communication Squadron 18. The communication gear, which was used as part of the Exercise Key Resolve earlier this month, would have been deployed

back to Okinawa otherwise. "We are sending a Lamda antenna, a Lightweight Multiband Satellite Terminal and a Support Wide Area Network to help aid the disaster relief," said Lance Cpl. Annalynn Delvalle, an embarkation specialist with MWCS-18, MACG-18. The squadron has sent 25,000 pounds of gear to help support III MEF Marines already deployed to aid Japan.

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## 3/5 EXPANDING AFGHAN OPERATIONS



Marines of 2nd Platoon, Company K, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 8, and their Afghan National Army partners moved swiftly into Malmard, Afghanistan villages and began to clear areas, looking for illegal drugs, weapons or suspected insurgent activity. "This is a change of pace coming out to an area where the insurgents are more cowardly," said 1st Lt. Charles Broun, commander for 2nd Platoon. Even hiding isn't working for



some of the suspected insurgency leaders in the area. Within the first five

days of the operation, the Marines of 2nd Platoon have already captured two known insurgents. The local Afghans go out of their way to talk to the Marines concerning the conditions of the village and concerns for the future. "The people don't mind us being here," said Sgt. Ryan Sotelo, a squad leader for 2nd Platoon. "They come out and openly talk to us." With the Marines of 2nd Platoon moving throughout the village, insurgent activity has come to a considerable lull. The Platoon says they look forward to completing the operation and returning to their base knowing they have put a sizable dent in enemy activity in the area.

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## TRYING TO WORK THEMSELVES OUT OF A JOB



During a pre-deployment training at the Combined Arms Military Operations at Twentynine Palms, Marines learned how to teach leadership concepts to Afghanistan security forces personnel. During the week of March 13, Marines practiced teaching their counterparts how to plan security and assess community needs such as medical care, food and water. The final evaluation exercise was provided by the Combat Center's Advisor Training Group (ATG), whose mission is to train Marine Corps

Transition Teams to advise, mentor, and train foreign units in order to combat terrorism and counterinsurgency. "They are there to advise their [Afghan security forces] counterpart to do their job better, to train them in areas where they lack the skills," said Maj. Randall Horner, training officer with ATG. "You try to work yourself out of a job, because you don't want Marines to do logistics for Afghans. You want Afghans doing it for Afghans. We want to make it so if you take away the Marines from the Afghans' unit, then the Afghan unit is set up for success and can survive and operate as a unit."

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## CAMP PENDLETON SAYS GOODBYE TO THE HUEY

After 42 years of service, the iconic

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UH-1N Huey helicopter took its final flight at Camp Pendleton. According to the *SignOn San Diego News*, Marine officials say it was one of the most versatile and widely used helicopters in the service. This aircraft provided close-air support in search and rescue missions. Additionally, it could be used for command and control missions, as well as for medical evacuations. The UH-1N Huey helicopter is being replaced by the UH-1Y, which has more-powerful engines, a four-blade rotor and upgraded avionics systems. The new Huey, known as the Yankee to pilots because of its "Y" designation, can carry eight combat-ready troops, twice what the older model could handle. The helicopters that were "retired" in a ceremony Friday at Camp Pendleton will be moved to Camp Lejeune, N.C., where they will be used until they are replaced by a newer version of the Huey.



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## SYMPOSIUM CONNECTS FEMALE SERVICE MEMBERS

"Connect, empower, succeed" was the theme of the 24th Annual Women's Leadership Symposium to which approximately 1,300 women from all service branches attended. Senior military leaders, celebrities and barrier-breaking women discussed challenges women face in the armed services. "Thirty-seven years ago there were less than 2,000 women Marines," said Maj. Gen. Angela Salinas, director of Manpower Management Division.



"When I earned the title I had no idea that I'd spend the next 37 years looking for women like me." Speakers encouraged the attendees to carry the ideas "connect, empower, succeed" with them beyond the symposium and continue supporting each other as mentors. "Mentoring is what makes us better as individuals, which is what makes us better Marines," said Salinas said.

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## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE PRESENTS 'AMERICANISM'



At a presentation in Havertown, Del., members of the Smedley D. Butler Detachment of the Marine Corps League taught students from BVM Catholic School about American flag etiquette and "Americanism." The veterans not only taught the students the proper way to fold an American flag, but also informed them about the Pledge of Allegiance, the meaning behind the stars and stripes on the flag, the history of the American flag, and the recitation of the Pledge. "All of

the information was great and it was very educational," Assistant Principal Kathleen Lamberto said. "For the students to get this information from men who have actually fought to defend our flag was invaluable to them." According to the Delaware County News Network, the Smedley D. Butler Detachment provides scholarships in honor of the group's namesake, who was awarded two Medals of Honor during his career in the Marine Corps. The scholarships are awarded based on an essay that is judged by members of the Detachment.

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## JANE WAYNE DAY INTEGRATES FAMILY MEMBERS



Marine family members were invited to Camp Pendleton, Calif., to participate in John/Jane Wayne day. "John/Jane Wayne Day is a way for everyone to get a taste of what Marines do for their training," said Rebecca Gamboa, family readiness officer for Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and Marine Corps Installations West. "We're helping the family members get a better understanding of what it takes to be a Marine, and what it takes to maintain that title." The event allowed spouses and family members to

understand what their Marines do on a daily basis. Events included a Combat Fitness Test, rifle and pistol shooting, a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program lesson, an Explosive Ordnance Disposal display, and a military working dog team demonstration. "Spouses get to experience what their [Marines and Sailors] do for a living," said Col. James A. Hogberg, commanding officer, HQSPT Battalion, MCB Camp Pendleton. "It's important to integrate the family and give them a sense of camaraderie, which is ultimately what we're doing here today. A lot of these spouses are coming from all over the country and they are getting a chance to also meet other spouses and become a part of the battalion."

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## HEROES OF THE WEEK

### POSTHUMOUS COMBAT PROMOTIONS

On Wednesday, Gen. James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, announced a change to policy for posthumous promotions for junior enlisted Marines. The new order, released in MarAdmin 187/11 March 23, directs that Marines, private to sergeant, who have been selected for promotion by a selection board or who have met all time-in-service and time-in-grade requirements can be promoted posthumous. According to the order, promotion consideration is based on "the contention that had the Marine survived, the degree of leadership displayed or deeds performed would have warranted future consideration for meritorious promotion." The policy will be incorporated into the next revision of the promotion manual scheduled for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2011, though the changes take effect immediately.

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## EVENTS

### MCA TO RECOGNIZE C4 COMMUNITY



The 49th Marine Corps Association (MCA) C4 Awards Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, April 14. A no-host cocktail hour will begin at 1800, followed by dinner at 1900. Join guest speaker Lt. Gen. John

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Wissler, Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources, and the camaraderie of Marines to recognize excellence in the C4 community in the last year. Dress is coat and tie. To RSVP, please contact Ms. Sarah Cohen at (703) 640-0174, or [S.Cohen@mca-marines.org](mailto:S.Cohen@mca-marines.org). For additional information including cost and directions please visit the [MCAF](#) website.

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## MUSEUM TO ADD HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, the organization responsible for the creation of the National Museum of the Marine Corps, has announced plans to break ground on a hotel and convention center to compliment the current museum. The Foundation originally pitched the idea to Gen. James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, who in turn recommended it to Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus. Secretary Mabus approved the project, which has led the Foundation to begin the search for a developer and operator for the planned additions. The hotel will feature 200-250 guest rooms, corporate meeting spaces, an indoor/outdoor pool, a full service restaurant, a fitness center and gift shop, according to the Foundation. A timeline has not yet been set marking the start or completion of the project.

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